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Gays: Invisible campus minority

*Closet doors remain closed
in face of conflicting ideas*

by Morgan Blair
Staff Writer



In recent years, gay men and women have become increasingly visible.

The Metropolitan Election Committee of Los Angeles, a gay political fund raising organization, last month sponsored a dinner that attracted California Governor Jerry Brown, Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr. and virtually every L.A. County politician.

According to Courtland Holdgrafer, chair of SAC's Psychology Department, about six percent of the men and a slightly smaller number of the women in our country are gay. He sees no reason why SAC's population would have a different representation of gays, which indicates about 1300 homosexual students enrolled this semester.

An *el Don* inquiry sought to find out why they remain an invisible minority.

"Over the years, we've had students come in who were interested in starting a gay students' group," said Dean of Students Don McCain. "But for one reason or another, they've never followed through."

Said SAC President Dr. Bill Wennich, "As long as (those interested in starting a gay group) followed established school procedure, there would be no opposition to starting such a club. I've never discussed it with them, but our Board is a pretty open minded group. It's just never come up."

Said McCain, "If you're looking for evidence of opposition from the administration, there's no story there."

When contacted, several staff members declined comment.

One who agreed to be interviewed was English and Women's Studies instructor Mary Wood, who believes that the main reason gays are invisible at SAC is "apathy based in fear. When I talk about homosexuality in class, I get a strong negative response. Even the liberal attitude is at best passive and apathetic."

She continued, "My students are most upset about gays coming out; that gays have made it a political issue."

Sociology instructor David Dobos concurred, "There's a

lot of fear about facing the Orange County reaction, but apathy is the main reason there's no club."

Philosophy instructor John Velasquez disagreed. "It's absurd to talk about fear and apathy in the same context. Of course gays are going to appear to be indifferent; otherwise they'd be identified as gays and would subject themselves to hostile reactions. When the administration says it's an issue that's never come up, they mean it's never come up in a way that's acceptable to them. They're allowing the fear to prevail. It's a control device to keep gays silent."

The most recent attempt to start a gay club at SAC was two years ago. Two women approached Coordinator of Student Activities, Darlene Jacobson. "I explained the procedure for starting a club, which includes locating a faculty adviser," she related.

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—John Velasquez

The women never returned to file the necessary papers, but then Editor of *el Don*, Pete Maddox, recalled: "Dean (of Social Sciences) Roseanne Cacciola called *el Don* and asked if we would support the women's effort to start the club. I said that we would, and asked her to have them contact me for an interview, but they never did."

Both Maddox and a co worker of Cacciola's, who desires anonymity, stated that Cacciola seemed to support the women's efforts. Yet when contacted, Cacciola stated: "The women came to me because I was head of Women's

Studies, and I told them that Women's Studies was not Lesbian Studies and that I didn't want anything to do with them."

"Most instructors would be afraid of a gay club," explained Velasquez. "It's the historical problem that if you're associated with something, you share the stigma. In class, instructors can deal theoretically with homosexuality, but taking the responsibility of a personal position is too much for them. Teaching theory is just giving a runaround."

"When administrators take the attitude that there was no story here, it was because he chose not to give it to you," said Joanne Maybury McKim, History instructor and founder of SAC's Women's Studies program. "There are appalling homophobic reactions by SAC's policy makers. When I created the Women's Studies curriculum, I included the topic of Lesbianism. No understanding of sex roles can be comprehensive without examining alternatives to heterosexual marriage. But the administration wants everything to be heterosexual oriented and male dominated, and the current director of Women's Studies (Cacciola) bought it. I just sense that what goes on about gays at SAC is that the administration doesn't want to address the issue."

However, Dobos felt that the majority of opposition would come from students, not from the administration. "Short of an unorthodox religious group — say, Satan worshippers — I can't think of any club that would come up against more protest. There is a very strong fundamentalist religious group here."

Steve Rossitto, president of the Collegiate Christian Club, described his club as "a place where all Christians can meet." He said that a gay group would definitely meet resistance from his club. "First we would pray, and then we would veto it during the Inter Club Council vote." (According to ASB President Fred Kemp, no club has veto power.)

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Decision 82: June primary ballot offers the voters a chance to shape California's future

by Michael McElman
Staff Writer

Let the buyer beware!

That is one piece of advice that California voters should remember come June 8. On that day the state general election will be held, and, besides the Democratic and Republican primaries, the ballot will contain twelve propositions.

Each proposition represents the work of special interest groups or politicians, all trying to sell their ideas to the voters. The issues addressed range from the California penal code to the financial future of the state.

The official title and summaries of the twelve propositions, as prepared by the state Attorney General, are as follows:

- 1. **The new prison construction bond act of 1981.** This act provides for a bond issue of \$495 million to be used for the construction of the state prisons.
- 2. **President of senate.** Repeals

constitutional provision that Lieutenant Governor is President of Senate.

- 3. **Taxation.** Real property valuation. This measure provides that "change in ownership" does not include the acquisition of real property as a replacement for comparable property if the person acquiring the real property has been displaced from the property replaced by eminent domain proceedings, by acquisition by a public entity, or governmental action resulting in a judgement of inverse condemnation.
- 4. **Bail.** Legislative constitutional amendment. Adds provisions to the Constitution prohibiting release of persons on bail when court makes specified findings.
- 5. **Gift and inheritance taxes (Proponent Miller).** Initiative statute. Repeals existing statutes governing gift and inheritance taxes. Prohibits imposition of gift or inheritance taxes.

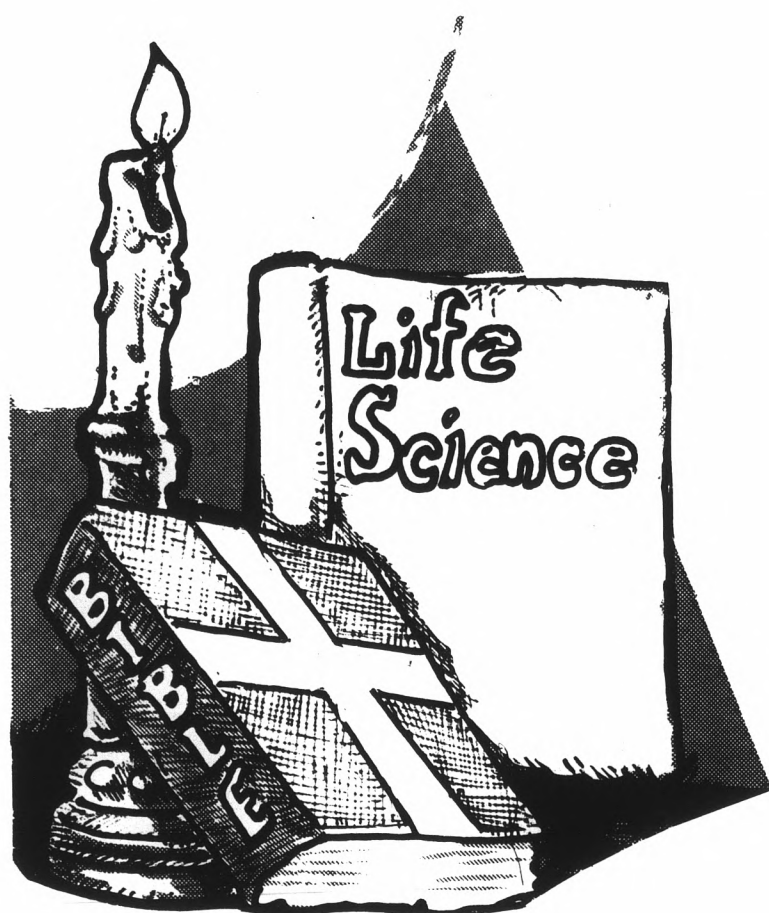
- 6. **Gift and inheritance taxes (Proponent Rogers).** Same function as Proposition 5.
- 7. **Income tax indexing.** Initiative statute. This measure changes existing statutes by providing for the continued use during 1982 and taxable years thereafter of the full percentage Index changes.
- 8. **Criminal justice.** Initiative statutes and constitutional amendment. Amends Constitution and enacts several statutes concerning procedural treatment, sentencing, release, and other matters for accused and convicted persons.
- 9. **Water facilities including a peripheral canal.** Referendum statute. Designates additional facilities and programs, including a peripheral canal, as units of Central Valley Project. (See editorial page 4)
- 10. **Reapportionment. Congressional districts.** Referendum statute. A "yes"

vote approves, a "no" vote rejects, a statute (Chapter 535) enacted by 1981 Legislature revising the boundaries of the 43 congressional districts and adding two new congressional districts.

- 11. **Reapportionment. Senate districts.** Referendum statute. A "yes" vote approves, a "no" vote rejects, a statute (Chapter 536) enacted by 1981 Legislature revising the boundaries of the 40 Senate districts and adopting provisions imposing time and other limitations on redistricting court challenges.

- 12. **Reapportionment. Assembly districts.** Referendum statute. A "yes" vote approves, a "no" vote rejects, a statute (Chapter 537) enacted by 1981 Legislature revising the boundaries of the 80 Assembly districts and adopting other provisions relating to redistricting and placing an initiative or referendum on the ballot.

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Creation/evolution debate to sift through theories

by Andy Cheng
Staff Writer

That age-old question on whether man was created by a superior being or by evolving from lower life forms will be the topic of next Thursday's Creation vs. Evolution Panel Discussion.

Throughout the semester, several lectures have been held primarily dealing with creation, but this presentation will include representatives from the evolution side to discuss their view.

Along with the question of creation vs. evolution comes another one dealing with the mechanics of science in general. Over the last few years, the Creationists have developed their own "science" in order to better approach the subject.

One such Creationist-scientist is Dr. Robert Kofahl, a science-coordinator for the Creation-Science Research Center in San Diego.

When Dr. Kofahl spoke this past March he had no one to debate against. It was this instance that prompted a couple of the faculty to bring in some "high-powered evolutionists" to have a debate.

The other participant for the creationists is a former evolutionist Dr. Christopher Chui, a computer engineer who is currently president of the Creation Science Association of Orange County.

Sitting on the opposite side will be four

evolutionists one of whom is from SAC's Astronomy Department.

Dr. Stephen Eastmond, astronomy instructor, told **el Don** that even though he has no experience in debating this issue, the discussion should prove interesting. Dr. Eastmond will show the astronomical time scales, which he feels will disprove the claim that the Creationists have the earth is only 10,000 years old.

Michael Leneman, a professor of geology from California State University at Northridge, will be another panelist, along with two faculty members from San Diego State University (SDS).

One of the SDS professors is Dr. Frank Awbrey, a biology instructor, whose credentials include membership in the Society for the Study of Evolution as well as belonging to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the third participant in the discussion.

Rounding out the evolutionists side will be Dr. William Thwaites, an associate professor of biology at SDS who specializes in the field of genetics and who also belongs to the Genetics Society of America.

Sponsored by both ASSAC and the CCC, the debate will be held in Phillips Hall, Thursday May 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Spiritualists plan peace week

by Kitty Pavlish
Editor

With all the talk of nuclear war hanging over our heads recently, it is not surprising Santa Ana Ministries (SAM) chose the theme they did for Moral and Spiritual Values Week (May 17-21) at SAC.

According to Judith Wagner, a member of SAM who is generally responsible for organizing the week's events, the theme for the week is peace; world, family, and inner peace.

Stated Wagner, "We want to raise a consciousness level of individual responsibility toward promoting peace."

Last year, the turn-out was not as large as Wagner would have liked, but she foresees much more response this year.

This, she feels, is due to the amount of time she and various SAC faculty members have devoted to this year's planning.

The organizer also believes the broadness of the topics covered will appeal to the interests of a lot of people, whether they be

scientist, psychologist, politician, etc.

"It has a Christian base, of course," Wagner replied when asked if she'd encountered any "church vs. state" opposition, "but we're not worshipping God at the celebration; we're worshipping life."

She avers that the focus will not be on how one should worship, but rather on "how to find peace in the midst of a stressful world."

"If you can find this, in or out of Christianity," she concluded, "then we've accomplished what we've set out to do with Moral and Spiritual Values Week."

MONDAY, MAY 17, 10 a.m., Room U-202

Robert Short, author of The Gospel According to Peanuts
Topic: "Hitler, Bonhoeffer, and Christ" (a slide presentation)

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 10 a.m., Room U-202

David Westley, Latin American correspondent for Life Magazine
Topic: "The Arms Freeze" and film: "The Last Epidemic"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, All Day

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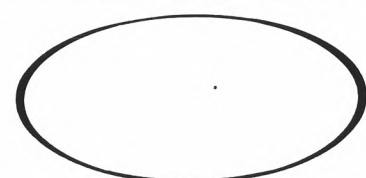
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 9:30 a.m., Room U-202

Joyce Earl, Jay Perris, Jan Johnson, Don Johnson
Topic: "Family: Roadblock or Stepping Stone on the Way to Peace?"

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 9 a.m., Room U-202

Wayne Rood, dramatist and professor at the Pacific School of Religion. Topic: "Peace Reflected in the Arts"

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News briefs

Election run-off: Bryan Buffington and Ken Kremer will be involved in a run-off election beginning Monday for the position of ASB President. Neither candidate received the required majority of the vote needed to capture the position in the ASB elections held earlier this month.

While a record number of voters cast their ballots, at least for the recent history of the election, ASB Commissioner of Public Relations Joe Leoni predicted a smaller turnout for the run-off. "There is just not as much hoopla for this one," he said.

In other results, Cari de Lamare was elected ASB vice-president. Paula J. Kirshner, Denice Hixon, Debbie Daniel and Debbie Costanzo were selected as senators.

Balloting for the election will be held Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m.

Peripheral Canal clash: SAC's Department of Life Sciences is presenting a program entitled Prop. 9, The Peripheral Canal Clash, on Tuesday, May 25, 12:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

This program is designed to inform voters of both sides of the issue and includes speakers from either side of the controversy.

Speaking in favor of the canal will be Dick Clemmer, a principle engineer for the Metropolitan Water District. Clemmer is currently in charge of water resources in planning for the District.

Taking the con side will be William F. Rusk. Rusk is the Technical Advisor and Vice-President for United Anglers of California, which is a coalition of sporting and fishing clubs. Rusk will be representing Californians for a Fair Water Policy.

Admission is free.

Newspaper receives award: Saturday, May 1, **el Don** staff members attended Cal Poly Pomona's annual Communications Day and were presented with 1st place for General Excellence in the mail-in competition.

Thursday at the movies: The American Federation of Teachers, in association with the Alliance for Survival will present the 1982 Academy Award nominee **El Salvador: Another Vietnam** on May 20 at 12:30 p.m. in D-103.

According to History instructor Joanne Maybury-McKim, the film "stimulates debate over U.S. involvement in El Salvador and questions the fundamental purpose of U.S. foreign policy." Admission is free, although donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of renting the film.

Dropday: Today and tomorrow are the last days to drop a class and receive a "w," otherwise you may get an "F" for any class you have stopped attending.

Right to life program: "Male sexuality and the abortion rights of women" will be the topic of a talk by Eddie Tabasch, a representative of the National Abortion Rights Action League. Tabasch, and attorney, will encourage audience participation in the program. It will take place on Thursday, May 27 at 12:30 p.m. in W-101. All students and faculty are welcome.

Career planning: A career guidance specialist will be available in the evenings after May 3 to help students with job planning, announced Jacqui Ruiz of the Career Planning Center.

Ruiz indicates that some daytime staffing has been slightly reduced to allow the Center to respond to student requests for evening service.

The Career Planning Center provides guidance information to assist in major or career selection as well as job opportunity related information.

New Center hours will be 8:00 am - 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Fridays.

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Application deadline nears for student financial aid

by Julie Bawden
Editorial Editor

It is mandatory for the SAC student who wishes to receive financial aid next year to apply before the priority completion date of June 11.

In the past, the deadline has been earlier, and any student who missed it still had the chance to receive help. Those individuals would be considered after the ones who made the deadline.

However, because of recent budget cuts and an increasing amount of application submissions, late entries will probably not even be considered, according to Daniel Rubalcava, financial aid officer at SAC.

"We're going to have more applications this year than last, because the pattern has been consistent. Every year we have more. At this time, we have a 20 percent increase in the number of applications filled, as compared to last year at this date," he related.

Yet, this year, there is less money available. Included in the Reagan Administration's budget cuts for the 1982-1983 year are three federal, financial aid programs.

The College Work Study Program will be decreased by 16 percent; from \$257,422 to \$216,523, which is a loss of \$40,899. Reduced by 26 percent is the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, which will fall from \$170,024 to \$127,606, a decrease of \$42,418. And, the National Direct Student Loan Program will drop 11 percent, from \$7,140 to \$6,362, a reduction of \$778.00.

Rubalcava feels that those cuts are detrimental in that, "Even last year with the money we had then, we

didn't have nearly enough to meet the needs of every student."

"At this point," he stressed, "time is extremely crucial." This is because there is a three-step process a student must complete before he is actually finished applying. Rubalcava projected that, if a student fills out an application correctly, then it all should take approximately three weeks.

An application can be picked up in the Financial Aid Office, which is located on the second floor of the Johnson Campus Center. The telephone number is 667-3090.

After the form is filled out, it is sent to be processed at the Scholarship Service Center in Berkeley. The information is fed through a computer, and it determines how much a student should receive, according to the budget available and need.

Then, this is mailed back to SAC, and Financial Aid sends the student a letter, informing him of additional forms to be completed and submitted. Once the person returns these, he is done, and the office can then decide how much he merits.

The process used to determine distribution of funds begins with the first application submitted. Rubalcava explained that they start at the top of the list of entries and work their way down until all the money is gone.

For the 1983-1984 year, the Reagan Administration is planning on completely eliminating the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and the National Student Loan Program. The College Work Study though, will just be reduced.

Rubalcava feels that these cuts "will probably affect four-year colleges the most, mainly because the costs are higher there, so, more students will be going to community colleges."



GETTING SMASHED--Games in the student lounge have been damaged to the point where they have been put off of order on occasion, prompting the posting of these signs.

(photo by Mike Schwartz)

PROPOSITIONS

While each proposition could, if passed, affect the state's government and citizens, three of them hold significance for California's younger residents.

Proposition 5 and 6 would both repeal the state's gift and inheritance taxes. Assemblyman Don Rogers believes that Prop. 5 contains a flaw that would allow the

Proposition 8

The measure protects the victims from not only crime, but also from "the criminal justice system..."
--Paul Gann

Legislature to reinstitute the taxes under another name at a later date. His initiative specifically states that the Legislature could not do that without voter approval. Attorney David Miller, author of Prop. 5, disagrees but he recommends both.

The financial impact for the state would be the same if either is passed. Revenue would be reduced by about \$130 million in 1982-83, by about \$365 million in 1983-84, and increasing thereafter. The state would save approximately \$6 million annually in administrative costs. Under state law, reductions in revenue would result in corresponding reductions in fiscal relief to local governments and schools.

Rogers claims that "abolishing the inheritance tax will improve the economy, and jobs will be created."

Opponents of Propositions 5 and 6 charge that "repeal of the inheritance tax is tax relief for the wealthy." They point out that fifty percent of the benefit would go to only six percent of the beneficiaries. Most Californians would never have to pay the so-called "death tax" anyway, as it only affects the wealthier estates.

Proposition 8 is also known as the Victim's Rights Bill. It would alter many of the laws of California's justice system including: (1) granting crime victims who

suffer losses a constitutional right to receive restitution, (2) declaring that students and staff of public schools have the "inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe..."

Proposition 8

"An example of an uninformed, irresponsible approach to resolving an important social problem."
--David Roberti

(3) allowing relevant evidence to be used in criminal cases even if obtained through unlawful wiretapping or unlawful searches of persons or property, (4) abolishing the diminished capacity defense, (5) restricting plea bargaining in serious felony and drunk driving cases, (6) abolishing the mentally disordered sex offender program, and (7) altering various other statutes.

Proponent Paul Gann (cosponsor of 1978's Prop. 13) feels that the measure protects the victims from not only crime, but also from "the criminal justice system."

Senate President pro Tem David Roberti calls it "an example of an uninformed, irresponsible approach to resolving an important social problem."

Proposition 7, indexing state tax brackets, would reduce state revenue an estimated \$230 million in 1982-83, by \$445 million in 1983-84, and increasing thereafter.

Proponents, including Howard Jarvis and Mike Curb, argue that indexing would mean taxes would never rise due to inflation alone. Also, Prop 7 does not index or reduce taxes for businesses or corporations.

Assemblyman Howard Berman and Kent Spieller, chairman of Californians for a Fair Index, wrote that "the combined effect of 'new federalism,' huge losses of federal money, and this initiative, will be to send your money to Washington, the bills to Sacramento, and to provide less and less services to each individual citizen."

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Chicanos sage talks to Cinco de Mayo crowd

by Leon Raya
Staff Writer

An appeal in Spanish for Mexican- and Mexican-Americans to continue striving to "become educated to the greatest extent possible" ended the speech given by Professor Dagoberto Fuentes, chairman of the Chicano Studies Department at Cal State Fullerton.

Fuentes reiterated the details of the victory at the battle of Puebla and its importance as part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration put on by MEChA, ALAS, and ASB.

Fuentes answered the question of why the celebration is important to Mexicans in the United States, saying "We must be aware of the historical and cultural identity that is waiting for us to take it over."

He stated that the French general was confident of victory, sending a telegram to the leader of the Mexican forces, and said that his troops were more superior, racially and organizationally. "But he did not count on the heroism of the Mexican people, their heart and desire," Fuentes added.

"The victory was important," the speaker continued because it lead to the success of the liberal forces of Juarez (then the Mexican president) over the conservative forces (who were comprised of

the rich ...united with the Catholic church," who had sought help from European powers.

Juarez' victory meant a "continuation of Mexican independence, as well as a continuation of the laws of reform," said Fuentes

Asked later if the events surrounding the battle of Puebla could be related to recent raids by the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the nation, the scholar drew a comparison.

"There was a desire then to continue the independence of the Mexican people who did not wish to be oppressed by a foreign power. As it was then so it is now." He then went on that "the oppression of the Reagan administration on Mexican people could be similarly related to the oppression the French sought to develop in Mexico."

Saying that the illegal aliens are "scapegoats" for other problems that the United States has, Fuentes paralleled the situations further. "They are easy prey. So it was the same with the French; a weak country was being attacked in hopes of being ruled."

Fuentes ended by saying that, "as the French were not successful, neither will this attitude be in the United States."

Calendar

May 15

- How We Created Illness (D102 9-12 noon)
- Real Estate Investments and Syndication and their tax effects (U204 9 am-5 pm \$35 payment)

May 18

- Taking A Look At Shyness And Loneliness (D105 12:30-2:30 pm)
- Voyages Of The Mind--Using Your Body's Energy Positively Through Images (D105 5:30-6:50 pm)

- Winners Are Risk Takers (GGC Rm 28 5:30-6:50 pm)

May 19

- How To Use The Art Of Self-Suggestion To Mold A Better You (GGC Rm 18 5:30-6:50 pm)
- When Your Feet Are In Cement And You Can't Move (EMHS Rm 208 5:30-6:50 pm)
- "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" (Phillips Hall Auditorium 8:00)

May 17-21

- Moral And Spiritual Week--sponsored by Santa Ana Ministries

May 20

- Is A Federal Civil Service Job For You? (LAC Rm 104 1:30-3:00 pm)
- Weight Reduction Without Dieting--Hart Institute (D206 11:30 am-12:30 pm)

edited by Nancy Cutler

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Prop 9 propaganda looks all washed up

Southern California is a nice place to live, everything is here... there is truly an abundance of anything and everything. And of course, if our haven has some imperfection, it can always be remedied.

Southern California is also rich, and politically powerful. That power can be used to gain any needed facet to create and maintain our paradise, even if it is at the cost of another. That is what Proposition 9, the peripheral canal issue, is doing.

The residential, industrial and RICH South is stealing from the North, a mostly agricultural area, their most valuable possession...water.

Prop 9 (SB200) is a \$30 million project. It will construct a 42 mile-long aqueduct to carry 'surplus' water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta System to the Southern California area. The question is, what amount is 'surplus' water?

True, the aqueduct currently floods into the San Francisco Bay. True, also, that the fragile ecology in the 14 mile region is protected...in the plans. But, the overflow into the Bay is shown as a waste of water that could be used in our parched paradise.

But, there is a fallacy in this logic. The water that floods into the Bay is a cleansing system. The industrialization and population in that area has created a water problem of their own in San Francisco. They need their water, even in the wet season to keep the fragile ecological balance of the Bay intact.

Another problem never clearly addressed is the exact amount of water that will be lost when the Colorado River contract ends in 1985. This is very important, because it is inherent in answering the question, do we really need the canal, and the North's water? The Metropolitan Water District (MWD), serving most of Southern California, states that 50 percent of the water will not be received. But the terms are always expressed in a misleading way. It is not 50 percent of all water, but of the percentage we receive from the Colorado River, which is 70 percent.

The major opposition, as far as Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) states, are the farmers in Northern California. Here in the city, we forget the importance of agriculture in our fair state.

True, Southern California has two-thirds of the vote, that is because of its intense urbanization. According to the World Almanac of 1982 California has the highest crop and total farm income of all of the states in the Union. Food production is, like water, a basic need for survival. Those farmers, being astute businessmen, must see some other reason for opposing SB200, besides political resentment, which is the accusation of PG&E time and time again.

The water question should not be political. It should not divide a state. The issue is not of North and South, but of priorities. The ecology of San Francisco Bay and the preservation of California's farming economy are foremost for survival. It is time for Southern Californians to stop relying on far-away sources. Stop stealing, and start being responsible. Look at conservation methods, and ways of successfully tapping our own water table before 'borrowing' from our Northern brothers.

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Answered suggestion proves pleas do count

Like Cassandra crying in the darkness, the voice of a single student approaching the Administration could be expected to evoke little response.

el Don congratulates Dr. Richard Sneed for doing the unexpected and paying considerable attention to a single letter from a student who asked that SAC schedule more twilight classes. These are classes which start and finish between 5 and 7 pm, allowing students to take two courses in one evening.

In response to a letter from a night student, Dr. Sneed replied, "Thank you for your helpful suggestion... We need student input on what will make (which classes will obtain enough students to meet the state requirements), and your suggestions will be given serious consideration because you probably represent a number of people who feel the way you do, but have never taken the time to write to us."

To the student's delight, the Spring catalogue offered 169 twilight classes.

The Administration profited, too. According to the office of Dean Betty Mills, who handles scheduling, 86 percent of the proffered classes drew enough students to make. This is "definitely above average and more than holding its own as a group," Mills said.

In a free society such as ours it is easy to assume that our vote, just one vote among so many, doesn't count or that our voice, just one opinion among so many, won't be heard.

The response of Dr. Sneed and the Administration in this single instance is a reminder that, when we do get involved or take the time to write our senator or representative, they do listen.

Legislators indicate that each person who takes time to contact them, expressing a point of view, carries the weight of 1,000 people.

The frustration of feeling so small, so Cassandra-like, stifles many people and keeps many excellent ideas from coming to light.

Perhaps not every administrator or legislator is as responsive as Dr. Sneed, but his sensitivity to the needs of his "constituents" should give renewed hope to all of those who have a belief and want to be heard.

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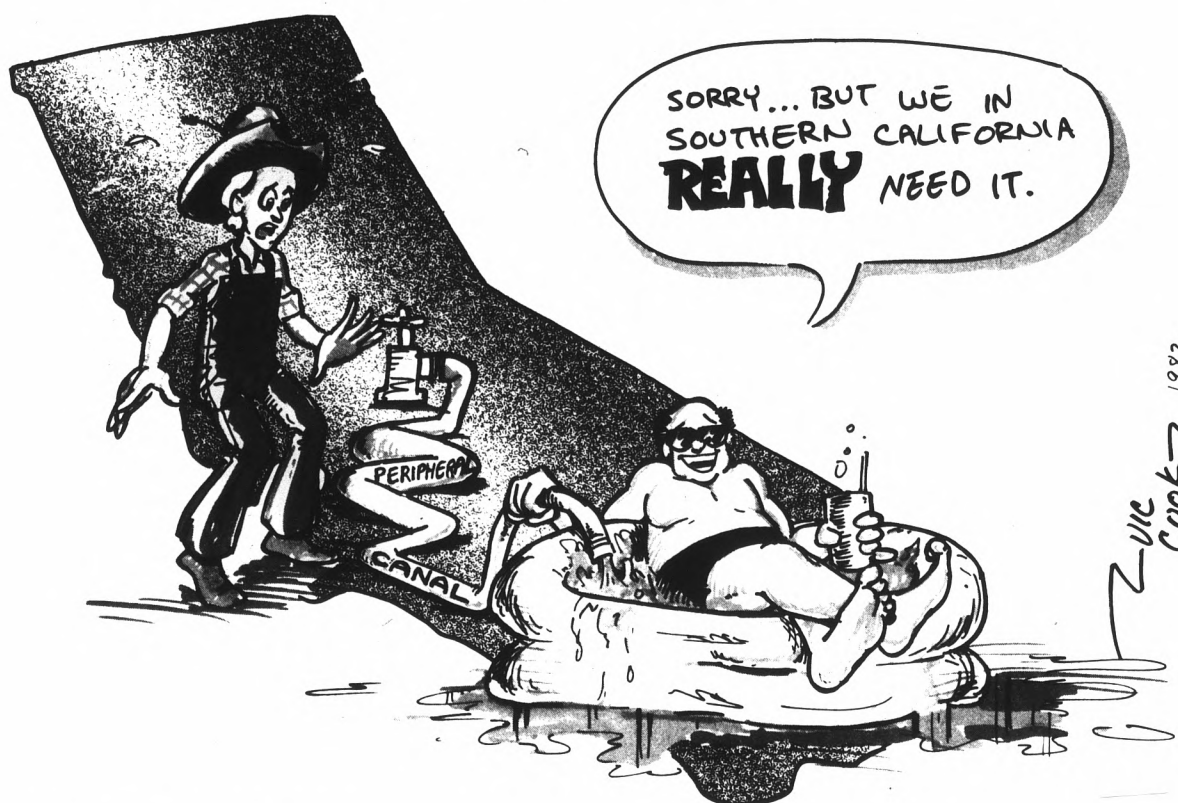
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Q (K)at's Corner



by Kitty Pavlish
Editor

A couple of years ago, after haunting the OCTD bus routes for six months, I decided it was time for me to go the independent trail. So I bought a car.

One of the things that came along with my semi-new vehicle was the stipulation that I had to get it "smog certified."

"Ah #*&%", I thought to myself at the time. "What a hassle to have to go down there just to get some stupid certificate!"

Visions of DMV-ish type waiting lines haunted my head as I sat there dreading the excursion with every inch of my being. Finally the threat of the state's wrath forced me to fulfill this duty, and I drove down to someplace in Costa Mesa, cussing under my breath at every turn of the wheel.

... we must realize, along with the American Lung Association, that "Energy, which we need, can make pollution, which we don't need."

When I arrived, my nightmare of course became a reality as I waited in a mile-long line-up (at least!) while cooking on my black-upholstered seat.

Just when I began to be able to relate to the fried egg's plight, however, I reached my destination and was admitted into "the shop."

It took what seemed no more than two minutes, and I was once again a free (wo)man. I drove off with a sigh of relief and an exuberant "Thank God I don't have to do that again!"

Like I said, it was such a pain at the time. Which just goes to show that, indeed, age does make one somewhat wiser.

Even though I am not exactly that ancient at present (nor perhaps that wise) there are a couple of things I've learned within the last two years of living in California: (1.) Smog stinks! and (2.) We are to blame for its existence.

I mean, everytime I drive along the Garden Grove Freeway and don't see the mountains, I feel a real sickness inside. Especially when I recall how majestic, how awe-inspiring they were just last

Clean Air Week should be all year

week (or whenever) when the rains wiped away the grime from their face.

And maybe it seems unfair of me to say that we are to blame for smog's presence, but when you grow up in an area of a state that has such fresh air it almost hurts to breathe, well... it's hard not to point fingers. At you. At me. At everyone.

So, what do we do about it? Or, perhaps, what don't we do would be just as valid a question.

For one thing, we don't even consider proposals like the one made earlier this year that would relax current clean air regulations.

For another thing, we must realize, along with the American Lung Association (ALA), that "Energy, which we need, can make pollution, which we don't need." And each person can do his or her part by cutting down on energy use.

The following tips are just a few suggestions the ALA offers so you can make a difference. You've heard them before, no doubt, but they're important.

- When T.V., radio or lights are not in use, turn them off.

- Run your dishwasher only when it's full.
- Use your air conditioner only when absolutely necessary. Same goes for your clothes dryer.

- Keep thermostats at 68 or 70 and keep windows closed when heat is on. Turn the heat off when you're not home.

- Never burn leaves or trash.
- Buy unpackaged foods and liquids in returnable containers when possible and reuse or recycle whatever you can.

Also, if I may be so bold as to inflict a tidbit of advice, vote for representatives who show they care about the air we breathe by making sure it stays safe to inhale.

As Louis Harris (who recently conducted a survey of Americans that showed 80 percent approval of existing U.S. pollution laws) stated, "Clean air happens to be one of the sacred cows of the American people, and the suspicion is afoot that there are interests in the business community... that want to keelhaul (our present) legislation."

So do your part during Clean Air Week, May 24-30, and all year around. Because there's no cost too high to pay for the right of clean air.

But seriously folks

Present world situation prompts remembrance of childhood games

by Julie Bawden
Editorial Editor

Remember all the games you played when you were young? Some favorites were, War with Cards and Checkers. Do you recall the childish glee you got out of shouting shrilly, "King me!" when you wiped out one of your enemies?

To be the winner and on top of it all was such fun then. How exciting it was to own almost all the land and money in a Monopoly game.

Do you recall how your face shone as you giggled in victory when you landed on Park Place, the one property your enemy coveted and you shouted with adolescent delight, "It's mine!"

Or what about Battleship? Wasn't it grand when your opponent said resignedly, "Hit-sunk-you won."

See, lately, like everyone, I've been barraged with news such as, "Missile blasts British destroyer," "UN peace efforts facing obstacles," "Compromise Budget plan hit by snags in Congress," and such outbursts as President Reagan's last week when he "raised his voice" and accused democrats of obstructing negotiations in budget cut talks.

You know what goes through my mind while I'm retaining all this information? No, not that the world has problems, that's apparent. No, out of those issues I

don't cheer anyone's victory. To tell you the truth, what keeps sneaking into my mind are my childhood days of War, Checkers, Monopoly, Battleship and even Tag.

Back then the boys were the enemies. When you got tagged they would all scream in unison, "Ha, ha! Now you're it!"

I know, I know, those were just childish games. I really don't know why, but I keep thinking of them.

And they say man is the most intelligent creature on the earth. As a matter of fact, he's even supposed to be brighter than the monkey.

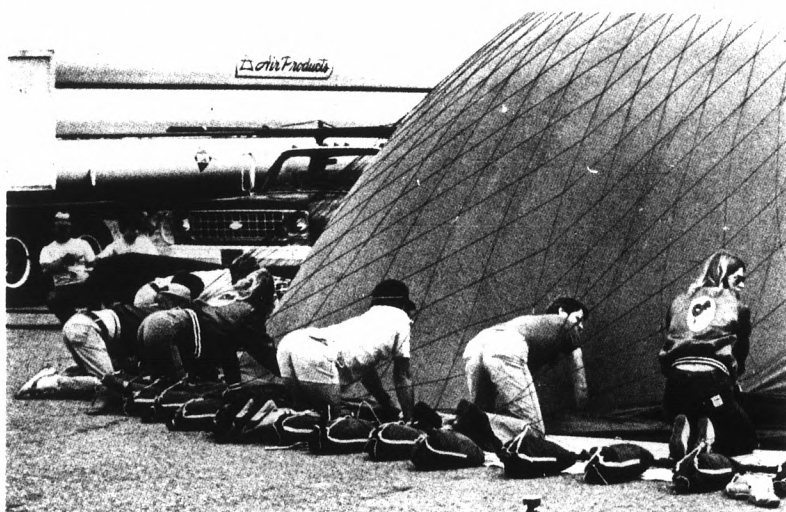
Hmmmmmm... Now that's something to think about.

Getting high

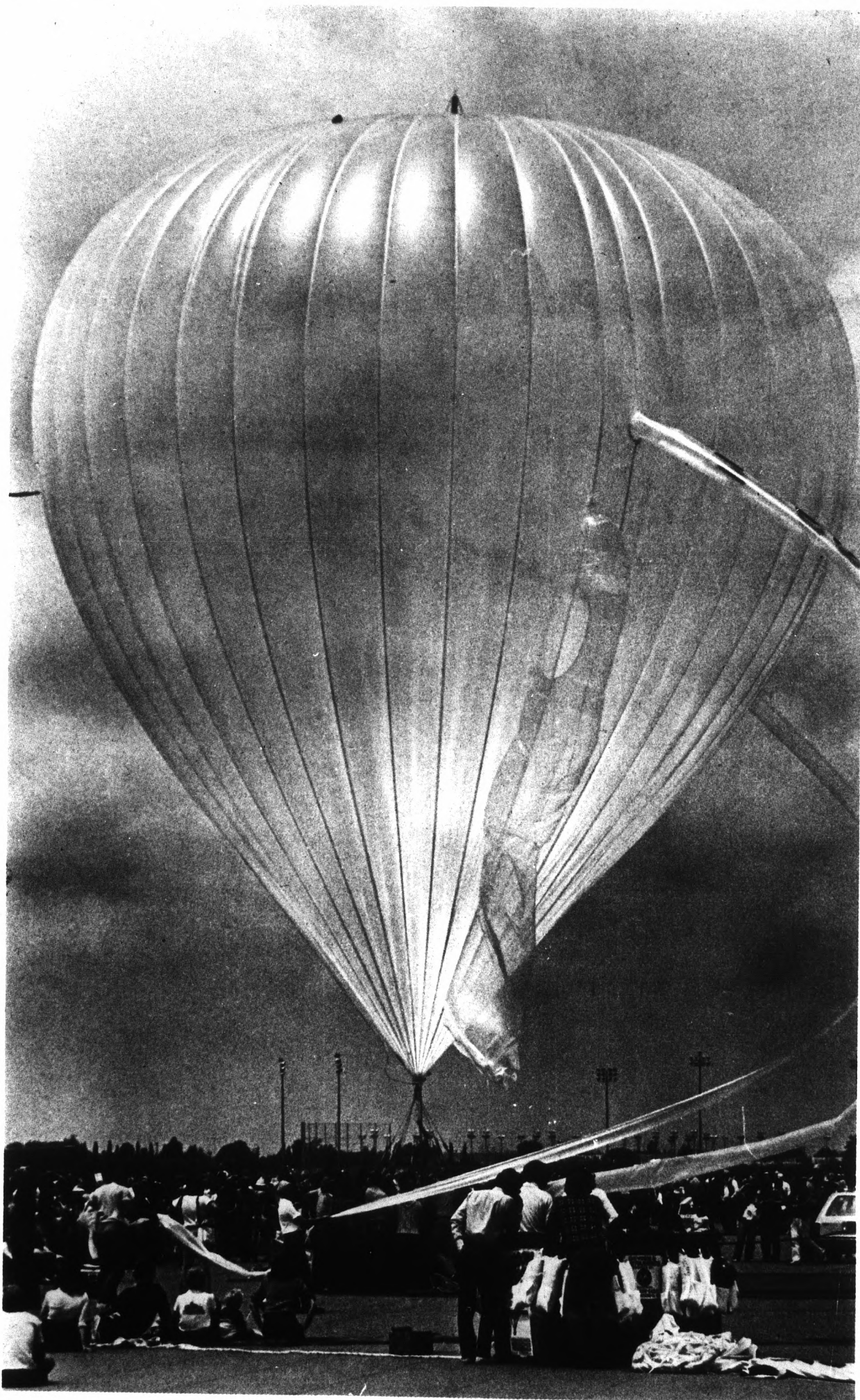


Although marred by a minor accident caused by high winds, the festivities at the Gordon Bennett Balloon Race from Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley May 8 were colorful and fascinating. Not really a race, but a distance competition, the event was won by the Rosie O'Grady entry, which covered a distance of 884 miles before landing in Wyoming.

Above, the crowd is attracted to the Stuart Anderson's hot air balloon as it was the first to inflate. At right, the translucent Viking of Maxie and Kris Anderson is filled with helium as a crew member of the balloon Excelsior watches. The Viking placed second with a distance of 859 miles. Below, the gigantic helium tanks can be seen in the background as the balloon Rodney the Jazz Bird is filled. At the bottom, this spectator seemed more interested in the real thing than her souvenir.



Photos by Mike Schwartz



Female doesn't fit policeman stereotype

Says she became officer because of 'challenge'

by Carol Roberts
Staff Writer

Quick! Picture a cop!

Given that instruction, most people visualize a formidable, heavy-set man in blue, who looks like a heavyweight fighter or a tackle for the Rams.

A few romantics may envision Eric Estrada of CHiPs or one of the characters from Hill Street Blues.

Probably only her mother would immediately think of Sharon Diaz, a petite 26-year-old brunette with sparkling eyes and a ready smile.

Diaz doesn't fit the stereotype of a police officer, but that's what she is. Packing her citation book, she can be seen walking the SAC campus and giving out tickets to traffic violators almost any day of the week.

Entering law enforcement was a surprise for Diaz, who says, "I got five tickets one summer when I was younger. I used to hate cops and smart-off at them all the time. Now people do it to me."

Besides those ubiquitous and highly unpopular citations, Diaz and her fellow officers handle a large variety of duties, from passing out parking passes to helping when someone passes out.

A reserve officer with the Santa Ana Police Department, Diaz says that, on the whole, the campus is very quiet.

"The biggest problem is theft," she said. "Once in a while we handle fights or drunks or someone on drugs. Occasionally there is a heart attack or an accident, but basically we don't have to enforce here as heavily as on the streets because the people are more intelligent and serious-minded."

"We try to be highly visible, though," she added. "That's what the college wants, so that people know we are here."

If her job as a SAC police person is quiet, her job as a reserve police officer certainly makes up for it.

A reserve officer is one who takes 288 hours of police academy training on laws, physical tactics, first aid, driver training and handling crime, then goes out on patrol with a regular police officer. Reserves at SAC are paid for their work, but when they go out on to

the streets they are volunteer workers, who are usually trying to get on-the-job experience to land a full-time police job.

"I got five tickets one summer when I was younger. I used to hate cops and smart-off at them all the time. Now people do it to me."

--Sharon Diaz

As a reserve, Diaz has dealt with fights, family disturbances and many, many accidents.

"My worst experience was an accident," she recalls. "A young boy was killed and the body badly mutilated. He was carrying two

fathers were crying. My partner, a man, got emotional too."

Diaz says that she has seen a lot since then, but that incident stays with her. Fortunately, she comments, she has generally managed to stay out of fights and talk her way out of problems.

One reason for that is, undoubtedly, the fact that much of her time is spent at SAC. Police officers here are not permitted to carry firearms, although they do have the power to arrest.

Diaz spoke out strongly in favor of campus officers being allowed to carry guns. She says that officers find it very frustrating to watch a crime in progress and be unable to

uniformed police person, the suspect automatically assumes that they have a gun and some unarmed officer may be shot.

A spokesperson for the Administration indicated that the matter of officer safety is very important, but that they feel the risk of an accidental shooting of an innocent person outweighs the risk to the officers, who are all well-trained in handling dangerous situations.

Citing an example of a case at Long Beach State, in which an officer came around a corner and stumbled onto two young people who were playing with a plastic submachine gun, mistook it for a real gun in the semi-darkness and

shift. However, the officers are well trained and the danger of an accident like Long Beach State is very serious."

Besides her strong feelings for officer safety and firearms on campus, officer Diaz feels strongly about people and challenges.

"I got into law enforcement because it was a challenge," she remarked. "I took a criminal law class from George Wright (who, according to Department of Administration of Justice sources, is heavily involved in efforts to promote women in police work).

"He pointed out that only 10 of us would make it in law enforcement. I took it personally. There weren't very many women in it. It was a challenge. My mother is very successful in real estate and had always taught me that I can be anything that I want. I decided 'why not this?'"

She also pointed out that shoplifters from nearby Honer Plaza and other criminals from the area sometimes run onto the campus in an attempt to lose themselves in the crowds.

When all is said and done, however, the petite police person will never become a full-fledged regular officer. "I can't make law enforcement a career," she smiled ruefully, "I have a bad back."

Pursuing her other strong interest-people-Diaz is studying to become a probation officer. "When I get my BA I want to go into probation and corrections," she said. "Working as a police officer I have seen the other side. I see the way the homes are. A lot of crime happens because of the environment. I want to get involved to help."

Being a female officer (strike one - many people discriminate), a reserve (strike two - many officers don't like to work with reserves), and having a job passing out citations at SAC ("a lot of people react negatively because you're a cop"), it is amazing that Sharon Diaz still looks at it all as a challenge and wants to make a career of helping others.



SHE'S A LADY--Police officers Sharon Diaz and Robert Taylor on duty. In spite of apparent physical differences, Taylor stated "I have

worked with female officers... and found that some of them are more competent than the male officers they stuck me with."

(photo by Mike Schwartz)

I.D.'s and we couldn't tell which one was his.

"I had to call both sets of parents and ask them to come down and identify him. It was really emotionally distressing to tell the parents that I thought their son was involved in a fatal accident. One mother passes out. The

do anything but call the Santa Ana Police Department.

She, also, pointed out that shoplifters from nearby Honer Plaza and other criminals from the area sometimes run onto the campus in an attempt to lose themselves in the crowds. The officers worry that, seeing a

opened fire in "self-defense," killing one of the youths.

The spokesman said that the issue of guns on campus has been thoroughly considered. "I don't diminish the reality of the fact that there are some very scary times," he said. "I personally would not like to be out on the graveyard

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Refugee flees communism, seeks freedom in America

by Lea Ann Isbill
Staff Writer

Millions of South Vietnamese had to flee their homeland in order to escape the terrorism inflicted upon them by their Northern invaders.

Some, like SAC student Anh Mai, speak of the horrors and uncertainty they experienced in their search for liberty.

Frail looking and petite, it's hard to imagine Anh surviving 15 days in a Communist jail, or two days in the false bottom of a boat. But she did, never losing the hope that she would eventually join her husband in California.

The frustration she feels at her inability to speak "good English," is apparent as Anh struggles to tell her story that started in May '79...

During their first attempt to break away from the chaos in their country, Anh and her daughters Trinh and Nhan (now 11 and 9), were captured by the Communists and put in prison.

There were 24 people sharing one small cell. Anh remembered how she was interrogated by her captors, "They would ask many questions every day," she related. "Sometimes, when I answered they didn't believe me. They tell me 'if you do not tell the truth I will kick you.' I was very afraid."

Anh described the food they were given as "bad" and "spoiled," because of this, her youngest daughter, Nhan, refused it. The mother was concerned about the welfare of both girls but, captive, all she could do was encourage them to try and eat.

Explained Anh, "I told my bigger daughter 'if you do not eat you will die,' so she ate. But the little one would not, and she was tired."

After 15 days the prisoners with children were let go because, Anh stated, "the children were so weak."

Although the imprisonment had frightened her, Anh was still determined to be reunited with her husband.

Upon their release, Anh and the girls lived with Anh's mother until they could move to a "small city" near the ocean, from which they could escape more easily.

Anh said her mother "cried very much," when she and the girls left, but handed them money for their journey. The fare was given to some people who had a small boat, in which they were taken to a larger boat that embarked for freedom.

"Some people in my boat wanted to come back to Vietnam. But some of us say it is better to die trying to find freedom than to come back to Vietnam."

--Anh Mai

As Anh and 49 other sailed toward liberty, they were chased by the Viet Cong. "The people, like me," she recalled, "had to hide under the false bottom," so they would not be seen.

For two days they lived together, crowded and uncomfortable beneath the deck, until at last they left Vietnamese waters.

Anh described the weather as "stormy." She said large waves crashed against their boat; the refugees were terrified. When the skipper became lost, they found themselves thrown back into communist ruled territory.

"Some people in my boat wanted to come back to Vietnam," Anh put forth. "But some of us say it is better to die trying to find freedom than to come back to Vietnam."

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Art collection is a teaching tool

by Morgan Blair
Staff Writer

Gene Isaacson, SAC chair of Fine Arts, is curator of the finest tribal art collection to be found in Orange and San Diego counties. The Huntington Beach gallery that houses the collection is only open one day per week, and then only to selected groups.

The art is Isaacson's personal collection, and the gallery is his home.

"There are about 400 pieces," said the tall, personable Isaacson. "It started out as a study collection. I'd bring in pieces to supplement my class lectures. For example, if we were covering American Indian art, I'd bring baskets and pottery."

But the collection really began to grow 12 years ago, when Isaacson was an art instructor on Chapman College's World Campus Afloat. "We spent quite a bit of time in West Africa, and I did a lot of collecting there," he said.

The collection has grown to include tribal art: from New Guinea, Oceania, the Philippines, Java, Borneo and American Indian cultures.

About once a week, a museum or a student group contacts Isaacson requesting a tour of his collection. He usually complies, and this 'open house' attitude reflects his teaching philosophy: "I feel, and the students agree, that art should be accessible. Private collections are more meaningful than museum

collections, where the viewer is often separated from the art by a rope or a plexiglass shield.

"In my home, there's no fear and no distance. It's a much more pleasurable experience to wander around and touch, and then sit on the floor with wine or coffee, talking about the art."



Gene Isaacson

Isaacson said that tribal art for him was "first a passion, but now an incurable disease." Yet his collection is by no means limited to tribal art. He's incorporated Egyptian, Greek and Asian pieces, and he also possesses a good number of 19th and 20th century Western paintings, graphics and etchings. Included are works by Miro,

Picasso, Hogarth, Motherwell, Indiana and Rauschenberg.

In yet another counterpoint, an 18th-century Mexican carousel horse is suspended from a 24-foot ceiling.

While acknowledging that "Every wall in the house is covered with art," Isaacson insists that the result is never overwhelming.

"The lighting is arranged so that at night I can turn the collection off, so to speak. Or I can highlight a few pieces that I might be in the mood for," he said.

Fine art collections are often perceived as being elitist pursuits, but Isaacson's has different meaning for him.

"Experiencing art is part of the journey toward the liberation of the human spirit. My collection gives me spiritual enrichment, but I can't give anything back to it, so it's a monologue. But by sharing my collection and my understanding of art with my students, the monologue becomes a dialogue."

Eventually, Isaacson would like to see his collection placed in the Midwest. "I would never sell it, and Southern California is already rich in good collections. I grew up in the Midwest, and there's just no access to art there."

He concluded, "One never really owns art—one is just a caretaker. So someday I want to see my collection placed where it can enrich people who would never otherwise have the opportunity to experience it."

Gays

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ASB Presidential candidate Bryan Buffington said, "I've never been supportive of gay liberation because I believe in the Scriptures. I would do everything that I could within the law to stop one."

Candidate Ken Kremer said that student resistance wouldn't be limited to religious groups. "Last year there was a rumor that some people were trying to start a gay club, and the athletes were going around saying that they were going to 'beat all the limp-wristed faggots up.'"

And the elected ASB representatives? "They'd shoot it down in a minute," said Kremer.

Kremer said that "It isn't the job of the ASB President to thwart a gay group," but added that, if elected, neither would he support one. He also would anticipate Board resistance. "Remember community pressure, and it's the community that elects the Board."

RSCCD Board President Hector Godinez said that the issue of a gay students' group would be discussed by the Board "when and if it is officially brought to our attention. But the students' right to assembly is paramount."

He continued, "I wouldn't want any of us to be prejudiced one way or the other. I, as President, would follow the dictates of the community, the administration and the Board."

The tension appears to be triggered by the very concept of homosexuality. The activities of most gay student groups aren't particularly revolutionary.

According to a club spokesman, Cal State Fullerton's Gay and Lesbian Students' Educational Union offers cultural programs, films and speakers to its members. Typical topics are gay politics and gay health problems. The club also provides a gay man, a Lesbian and a parent of a gay to speak to any class or group on campus in an effort to inform, enlighten and educate. The average attendance at their weekly meetings is about 40 people. The spokesman said that there was "No real campus opposition. Just isolated cranks."

Things were not so smooth at Fullerton Community College two years ago. After considerable ASB opposition, a gay club was recognized on campus. The Board, however, denied final ratification. According to Fullerton's Student Affairs Coordinator Irma Rodriguez, "The gay students sued the Board, so in response the Board dissolved all campus clubs. Some clubs have come back on a strictly AS (Associated Students) basis, but there's no gay group."

Concluded Velasquez, "SAC is one of the last bastions in Orange County of extreme conservatism. But through consciousness-raising, this is being eroded. I predict that within three years, the maturing process going on now will force the issues. The closets of gay students, faculty and administrators will open like a floodgate, and they won't take 'No' for an answer."

Refugee

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Thus they persevered, without an adequate amount of supplies, getting thrown off course at times because of harsh weather. "Sometimes we didn't know where we were" Anh emphasized, "but we tried again and again."

The ship that had given the people hope, however, crashed into them, and Thai pirates armed with knives boarded their boat.

They sighted a ship in the distance. Anh said she and the others thought it was an American vessel "or from somewhere free." The worn-out refugees were elated, thinking their ordeal had finally come to an end.

"We were so happy," Anh remembered. "At that time we were so hungry and tired because we had been on our boat for seven days without enough food and water."

The ship, that had given the people hope, however, crashed into them, and Thai pirates armed with knives boarded their boat.

After taking anything of value that the refugees possessed, the robbers, Anh recalled "gave my children and people water, rice and fish. My children were so happy."

Adding to her anxiety, one of the thieves asked Anh to give him her oldest daughter Trihn. "I cry and pray he would not take her," the mother expressed. "I cry so much he did not take her."

The pirates gave them directions to Malaysia, a Southeast Asian country on the Malay Peninsula, and the boat skipper stopped there to refuel.

Anh recalled that, in order to come ashore, she and the others had to wade in water up to their chests. That night while their clothes were still wet, and with no place else to go, they slept on the ground in the forest.

Some people with food and medicine came and transported everyone, by canoe, to the Malaysia Refugee Camp. Anh, Trihn, and Nhan lived there for seven-and-a-half months.

During their stay, Anh wrote to her husband (who had fled Vietnam in '79) and he sponsored his wife and daughters so that they could legally enter America.

At last the tiny (not even five feet high) Anh Mai and her children reached their destination and could start their lives over in a new country.

"I enjoy living in America very much, but sometimes," Anh released, thinking of her mother's tears, "I get homesick."



el Don regrets

In last week's feature article on the speech team at SAC, the coach was mistakenly identified as Mary Kay. In reality, her name is Mary Lewis. el Don regrets the error.

SAC spring chorale concert success, but . . .

by Gary Hollins
Entertainment Editor

It wasn't exactly the greatest of goodbyes. It could have been better.

After more than a few years of bringing quality choral music to the students of Santa Ana College and the surrounding area, The Rancho Santiago Master Chorale and Concert Chorale, along with the Southern California Brass, performed their last concert with Larry K. Ball, their conductor/director for the next year.

To this reporter, the concert was a bitter disappointment, considering that only about 150 people showed up even though it featured a West Coast premiere written by Puccini in 1904.

Ball will be taking a sabbatical leave following this concert season. The performance that took place last Friday night at the First Presbyterian Church in Orange was an indication to the audience of just what they were going to be missing for the next two semesters.

The show began with "Two Renaissance Motifs" by Costantini, followed by "En ego campana," written by Jacob Handl, and "Art and Folk Choral settings" by Brahms.

Perhaps the highlight of the first set was the selection "Simple Gifts," an American shaker song. The arrangement was written by SAC fine arts chairman Marie Pooler in 1971.

Commented Ball on the Pooler arrangement of the song, "I think it's the best setting of the shaker song in publication, including the Aaron Copland setting."

The second section of the concert featured the



SAC Choral music instructor Larry K. Ball.

(photo by Gary Hollins)

Southern California brass, an ensemble consisting of trumpets, French horn, trombone, tuba and percussion.

Under the direction of Ball, the small 11-piece group performed from "Festival Fanfares for Famous People and Cities," the "La Peri" fanfare, written by Paul Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice).

The majestic herald filled the 500 seat church. As did Strauss' "Feierlicher Einzug," a slow moving, reflective piece, and a fanfare in the Renaissance style written for the motion picture **Richard III** by William Walton, and another fanfare written for the enthronement of the archbishop of Canterbury in 1975, written for the occasion by Elgar Howarth. The final selection for the brass ensemble's part in the concert was "Marche triphale" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert.

The third part of the evening festivities featured the combined groups of the Rancho Santiago Master Chorale, Choir and Southern California Brass. The combination performed the showcased selection of the evening, a requiem written by Puccini for Verdi in 1904. This music is not frequently performed in the United States, and last Friday night's concert presented it to the West Coast for the first time ever.

Commenting on requiems in general, Ball said "Most requiems are operatic in style. If an hour is great, two hours are even better."

Puccini's six minute requiem was a slow, moving piece, and the enlightening, mourning theme was reflective by all who performed it, and well worth the extensive research done by Ball.

The concert was a musical success, never missing an opportunity to make the audience happy. The only thing that was a letdown was the poor turnout.

But 150 lucky people are better than none . . .

The Arts

'Red Ryder' to gallop into Little Theater West

When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?

by Mark Medoff, winner of the Obie Award and Outer Critics Circle Award, will be presented Wednesday, May 19, through Sunday, May 23, at Santa Ana College's Phillips Hall.

First presented by off-off Broadway's renowned Circle Repertory Theatre Company, and then transferred to the Eastside Playhouse for a long run, this gripping drama takes place in an all-night diner and explores the emotional ordeal of

its occupants as they endure a robbery and humiliation at the hands of a cruel traveler who is smuggling marijuana into California.

Teddy, the bully who taunts and eventually robs the customers and employees of the diner, is portrayed by Walt Pedano. The title role of Stephen (Red) Ryder is played by Thomas Lee Burns. Other principals in the play include Angel, played by Toni Marie Nelson, Lyle, played by Michael Miller. Clark, played by Mickey McGuire, Clarisse, played by Cori Watson, Richard, played by Tim Blough, and Cheryl,

played by Trish Keller. Thomas Brucks, SAC theatre arts instructor, is directing the production.

Commenting on the upcoming production, Brucks said, "The reason we've put it into the hall is because of logistic problems with the theater."

"Working in Little Theater West will be more difficult," Brucks claims, "because with so small an audience, the acting has to be believable. . . all visuals have to be more specific because of the size of the audience."

When it comes to specifics, Brucks is

probably SAC's proverbial son, the last exhibition of his talents being in Curley McDimple, for which he directed the lighting.

Tickets, priced at \$5 general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available in the Campus Box Office in the Johnson Campus Center. Reservations may be placed by phone at (714) 835-5971. A student/senior citizen rush is held 30 minutes prior to each performance with any available seat in the house sold at \$2 each.

Annual dance concert leaps to its success

by Kitty Pavlish
Editor

Mikhail Baryshnikov? The Baryshnikov? Appearing at SAC? No, not really, but if you'd like to watch dancers working towards that height, you might want to visit Phillips Hall tonight or tomorrow for the final two nights of the faculty/student dance concert held annually at SAC.

Alisa Steen, a dance student here, is just one example who continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

We saw her last year as a wonderfully wicked "motorcycle mama," her black hair complete with a white lightning bolt, as she (and two others) jazzed it up to a rhythmic modern tune. The crowd screamed for more, as I recall.

She (and three others) had the same effect on the audience this year as they sashayed onto the stage, in glittering garb, to the tune of Donna Summer's "Bad Girls." And though the provocative sways of Steen's choreography might leave some stuffed shirts gasping in modest indication, most of last Friday's audience members whistled in delight.

As was "Bad Girls" a somewhat light comment on the games adults play, so also was dance instructor Hal O'Neil's nostalgic number, "Divertissements."

The innocent silliness of this interlude caught its viewers in a web of wanting to return to the carefree days of childhood, jerking our memories back to the times of "Ring around the Rosies and other such fun.

Not all in life is fun and games, though, and neither is it in the expression of dance.

This was evident in such semi-serious modern pieces as "Mean Red-Wing Blues," choreographed and danced by faculty member Dell Speed, and instructor Sylvia Turner's "Triad II."

Not to say that either of these numbers was negative. Their appeal was merely focused on a different light, tending to stir one's intellect moreso than one's emotions. A little thought never hurts anyone, though, right?

Except sometimes, of course, when we are confronted with such epics as "Voices from the Dust," a piece based on ceramic art of the Mohica Civilization of Peru.

Even though I had to admire the pure stamina and agility of the dancers who performed the exacting modern movements, I found the chanting and ranting a little too dramatic for comfort.

But I could be wrong. Maybe I should ask the next Baryshnikov . . .

'Partners' mixed, muddled plot thwarts otherwise comic film

by Julie Bawden
Editorial Editor

In the past few months, a surge of homosexual-oriented films has hit the movie market.

Such films as **Making Love**, **Personal Best** and the just recently released **Partners**, are all targeted at the same audience. Yet, they each seem to have attempted to say something different about being gay.

Making Love is the story of a couple who end up parting because the husband recognizes his homosexuality. This movie tried to say, yes, nice boys do, do it and it's OK. **Personal Best** on the other hand, attempted to depict the intimacy between two serious women athletes.

Partners, however, took on too much and as a result, ended up saying a lot of things that added up to close to nothing.

It is the story of two police officers, one gay and one straight, who are assigned to penetrate the gay community together and solve a series of homosexual murders.

Captain Wilkens (Kenneth McMillan) orders the team to live as a gay couple, which is simply an outrageous proposal. The pushy, loud, very masculine Ryan O'Neal and the soft-spoken, gentle, gay John Hurt make an extremely comical pair.

Which brings up the film's major flaw and reason for no central theme. As a comedy, the movie stands up well. This is where script writer Francis Veber should have stopped, Veber, who also wrote **La Cage aux Folles**, can't seem to make up his mind between humor and drama. The movie has a continuous battle

with these elements, which, if joined badly, can be a deadly combination.

Veber's initial, comical scenes, such as when O'Neal dresses up sexily and flirts with a gay hotel owner, were commendable in themselves. One cannot help but laugh hysterically when the man has his hand on O'Neal's leg or even more so afterwards when he sighs and says to Hurt, "It must be awful to be a woman, some guy you can't stand putting his hands on you."

Hurt's acting was moving while at the same time comical. His limp-wrist attempts to become the wife of the house evoke sympathy yet chuckles. When he dons his purple sweat suit and begins to clean and cook, laughter is inevitable.

If Veber had stayed with the humorous episodes and a light simple chain of events, the movie could have been considered a pretty good comedy piece.

But he attempts to incorporate an intricate whodunit plot which is poorly developed because of the time limit. Concentrating on comedy the first half of the movie, the second half he brings in a sexy photographer (Robyn Douglass) and mixes her into the plot. She possesses hidden negatives which have rather confusing contents that are never revealed.

Then towards the end of the movie, Veber pops in an entirely new character (Rick Jason) who's involvement in the plot is never really made clear. It is this sloppy plot which kills an otherwise humorous piece of work.

In the end, O'Neal maintains that, "This is the toughest case I've ever worked on." One has to agree with him in that, this is definitely a tough plot entanglement to try to unravel and make sense of.

And the search goes on...



Basketball coaching spot yet to be netted

by Scot Van Steenburg
Staff Writer

Who will be the driving force behind the Don basketball team next year? Will SAC follow in its own footsteps and promote from within, as in the case of now head football coach Dave Ogas, or will they seek out some fresh blood to lead them in future seasons? These and other questions will probably remain unanswered until mid-June.

Adhering to the personnel policy that the names of applicants will not be given out, Sports Information Director Dave Romano said, "We will have a filing deadline of June 1, and an announcement of the new coach by June 14."

Greg West, an all-county selection from this year's basketball squad stated, "We (the players) would like to know who the new coach is before the summer break." He also indicated that some of the players would like to see longtime assistant coach Myron Brown get the job.

There is some speculation as to whether all of the freshman standouts will return if Brown doesn't get the job. West commented, "The players are waiting to see if coach Brown gets the job. I guess that if he stayed on as assistant coach things would be about the same, as the new coach would depend on Brown for a lot of help in his first year."

One confirmed freshman casualty is Kendall Walling, also an all-county selection from this year's squad. Walling will be attending West Texas State in the fall. The rest of this year's frosh will probably return, although the coaching void is causing them some concern.

When queried on his plan for the future, Brown replied, "I have applied for the job, and if I receive the job this would create a need for a new head coach for the women's squad."

Brown, who has been the assistant coach here at SAC for 11 years, should be the man to beat. He has served under the successful program of Todd and former coach, Bill Oates. Oates left SAC to become the head coach of Athletes in Action, a Christian organization.

Another confirmed applicant, Bob Schermerhorn, is the assistant coach at the University of California at Irvine; he has said that he is very desirous of the position.

Schermerhorn was formerly an assistant coach at Orange Coast College, head coach at Canyon High School in Anaheim and head coach at Chaffey College in Alta Loma. He hails from the heart of basketball country, South Bend, Indiana.

While at Chaffey, he led his team against his present day boss Bill Mulligan. Mulligan, at the time, was the coach at Saddleback College before he moved up to UCI.

"Assistant coaches always want to become the head coach, and the Santa Ana job is one of the finest jobs in the country," Schermerhorn stated.

Athletic Director Roger Wilson commented on the number of inquiries they have received. "We have had approximately 20 calls, and we've sent out applications to all of them." He also feels that the only thing a coach has to rest his laurels on is his record. "Coaches have to win, if they don't win their reputation goes down," Wilson relayed.

The Athletic Department is hoping to meet with the players and give them the time schedule. They hope this will ease the players' concerns over who will be their coach next year.

One negative aspect of the coaching search is the loss of a year's recruiting due to the fact that no one is out talking to the prospectives for next year. "We will lose one year's recruiting, but if the freshman return, we should be all right," Romano stated.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN--Rolland Todd has decided not to return next year after seven seasons with the Dons. After taking the team to the state tournament four times, including this year, he felt it was time to move on.

(photo by Gil Leyvas)

Track and Field

Bakersfield looms on the horizon

by Mike Schwartz
Managing Editor

Not too many people really look forward to a trip to Bakersfield, but if you happen to be involved in the Southern California Finals of track and field competition, you should.

Representing SAC in tomorrow's meet are Sondra Milne in the javelin, Joan Grass in the 800 meters, Mike Fisher in the 5,000 and Brett Garrett in the long jump.

Coach Al Siddons stated, "To make it this far is really super." Garrett is a freshman while the others are sophomores. The next plateau is the State Championships in Sacramento May 22.

To qualify for Sacramento, a finish of sixth or higher

is needed. But in running events of 800 meters or shorter, where runners are restricted to one lane, an entrant must place fourth or higher because there are only nine lanes on the track. And Grass just happens to be in the 800.

"Joan will have the toughest time," explained Siddons. "But she's never really been pushed hard yet in a race." Grass placed second in her heat with a 2:17.3 in last weekend's Southern Cal Prelims.

Milne took a break from breaking school records in the prelims when she speared fifth place with a toss of 123-4.

"Sondra has the best shot at the state meet," Siddons stated. "She's head and shoulders above the rest."

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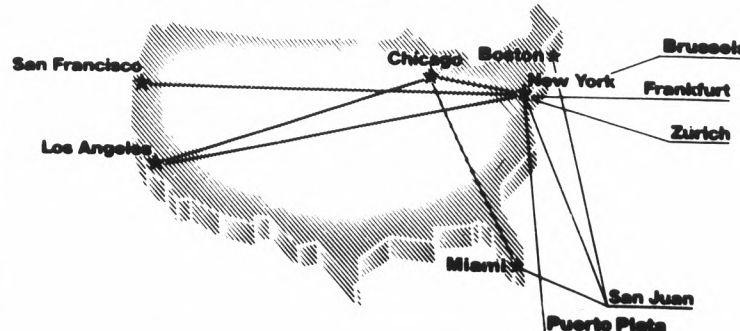
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In the spring,
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The SAC football team takes to the field during Tuesday's spring practice session. Left, the squad goes through their stretching exercises. At far left, quarterback Tony Sidney lofts the ball during passing drills. Sidney will return as a sophomore next season. Above, the men of the trenches, alias offensive linemen, prepare for fall by going over the fundamentals of their positions. From left, they are Sal Hernandez, tackle, Kelsey Maddox, guard, Russell Cable, center, Thomas Harrell, guard, and Malcolm Gray, guard. These linemen will be sophomores next season with the exception of Gray, who will be a freshman.

(photos by Bill Threlkeld)

Dons of the diamond fight injuries to playoffs

by Mike Schwartz
Managing Editor

About as surely as final exams coming at the end of the semester, the baseball team can be counted on to enter post-season play.

By finishing third, the Dons drew the second place team for the opener in the Shaughnessey playoffs. This happens to be Cerritos, a squad ranked at or near the top in Southern California for the entire season. If the Dons won yesterday's 2:30 game at the Falcons' own field, they face the winner of the Orange Coast-Mt. SAC match today at 2:30.

But before getting too far ahead, the Dons have injuries to contend with. Second baseman Bob Wilkinson still is not up to strength after getting the cast removed from his hand last week. He termed it a "big letdown" by not being able to play.

"The doctor took the cast off Wednesday and put (my hand) in a splint, but I took it off when I got home," remarked Wilkinson. Although ready to play

mentally, the second baseman finds his hand "still too weak."

Slugging outfielder John Bryant is almost totally recovered from a hamstring pull.

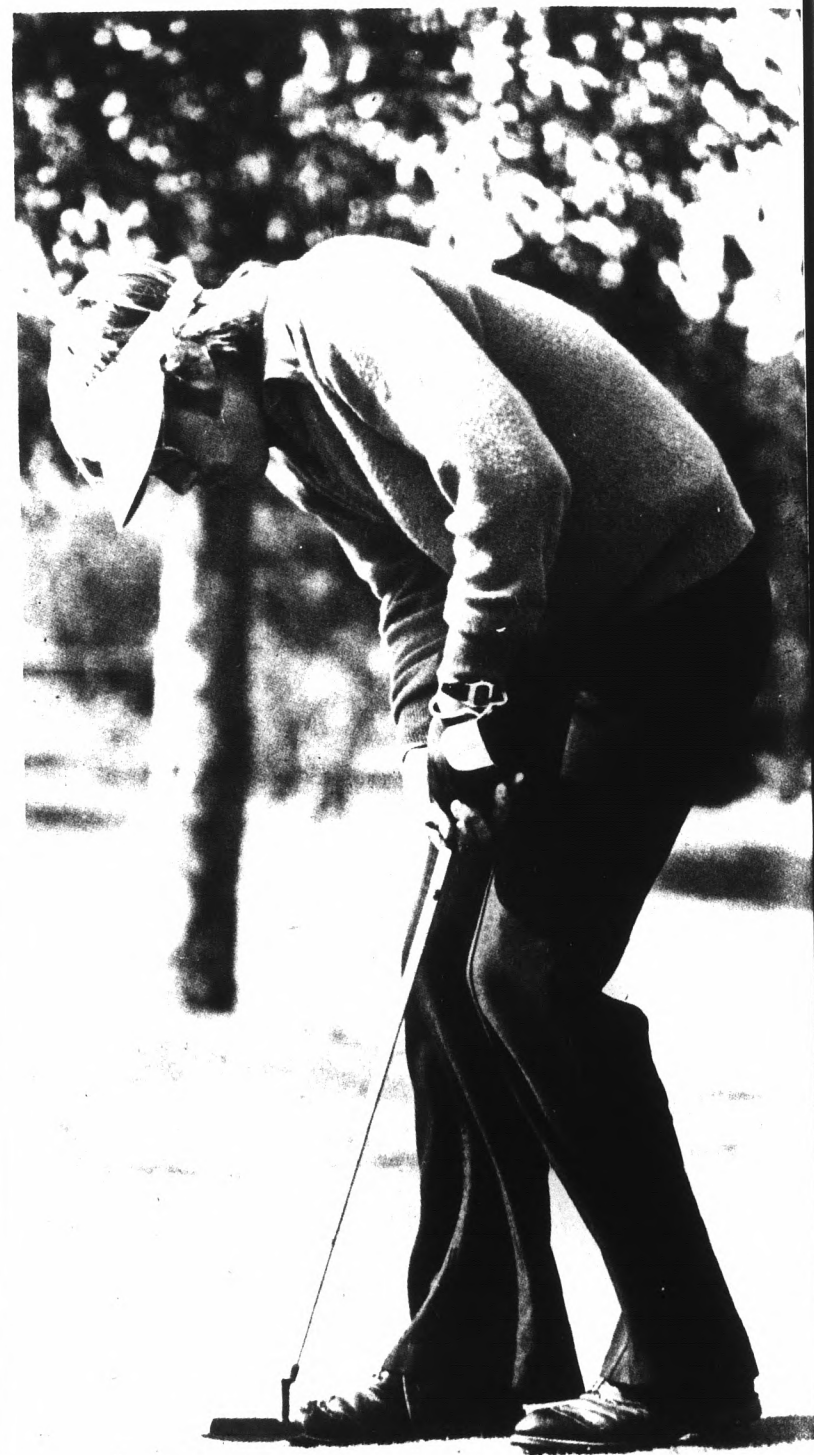
"Bryant is not quite a hundred percent," stated head coach Don Sneddon, "but he will start in left field."

The hard-hitting letterman commented, "It's still tender, but it doesn't bother me nearly as much as it used to."

Another player troubled by a long recovery is pitcher Greg Mathews. Holding the SAC career record for saves with seven, the southpaw is hampered by an undiagnosed shoulder ailment.

Going into yesterday's contest, the Cerritos pitching staff sported a 1.98 ERA in league play. Sneddon discounted that statistic when he explained that the size of Falcon field was to a pitcher's advantage.

"Cerritos builds their team around their ballpark," the coach said. "They have small, fast outfielders because it's hard to hit it out."



Golfers narrowly miss state tourney

Rob McQuade shows the intense concentration that made this season the success it was as he sinks this putt in a recent South Coast Conference tournament. At the Southern Cal Championships last weekend, SAC finished sixth, just four strokes away from a trip to Monterey for the State Championships. After 18 holes, the Dons were in the lead as four strokes separated the first four teams. The second round, however, was their downfall as the Dons saw visions of a title fade away. McQuade finished one stroke away from an individual qualifying spot after shooting a 72 in the first round.

(photo by Mike Schwartz)

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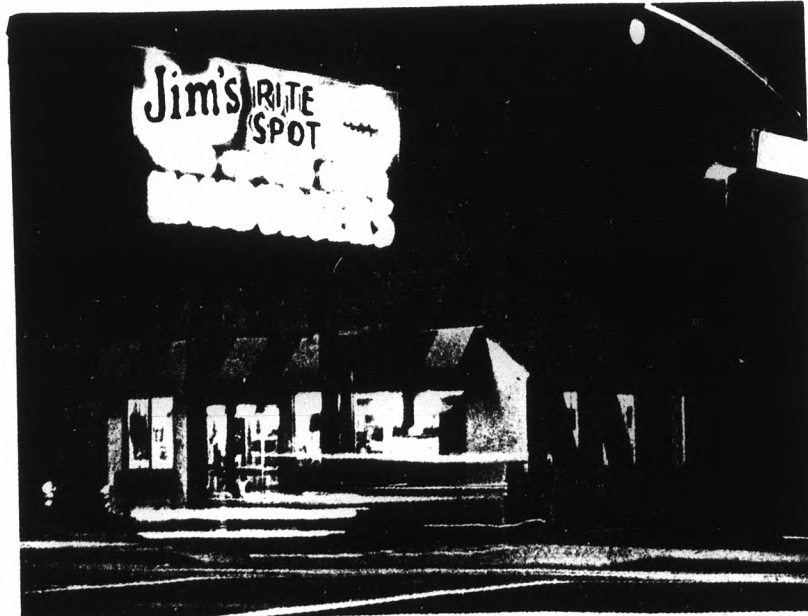
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